

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A portable terminal cradle device comprising a plurality of projections to be fitted on grooves in upper and lower ends of a portable terminal; characterized in that:

the projections of the portable terminal cradle device are engaged in the grooves in the upper end of the portable terminal; and

the other projections of the portable terminal cradle device are engaged in the grooves in the lower end of the portable terminal and the engagement is held by a rotate and slide mechanism which is capable of ~~both rotation and~~ after rotation of said other projections of the portable terminal cradle device with respect to the portable terminal engaged with the projections of the portable terminal cradle device, sliding said other projections of the portable terminal cradle device into the grooves in the lower end of the portable terminal; and

two of the grooves in the upper end of the portable terminal and two of the grooves in the lower end of the portable terminal are formed at four corners of the portable terminal, said portable terminal cradle device holds the four corners of the portable terminal.

2. (previously presented): The portable terminal cradle device according to Claim 1, characterized in that:

the projections of the portable terminal cradle device are engaged in the grooves in the upper end of the portable terminal, while, at the same time, the cradle device is electrically

connected to the portable terminal through a connector joint provided for connection to a connector of the portable terminal.

3. (currently amended): The portable terminal cradle device according to Claim 1 2, further comprising a mechanism for locking the rotate and slide mechanism, wherein lock blocks are slid along an L-shaped folded portion formed in a slide plate of the rotate and slide mechanism to fix and release an L-shaped folded portion formed in a hinge.

4. (canceled).

5. (currently amended): A portable terminal cradle device ~~comprising projections to be fitted on grooves formed in an upper end of a portable terminal~~ according to Claim 1, comprising a rotate and slide cover as a part of a ~~the~~ rotatable portion, and characterized in that the portable terminal cradle device can also be used as a stand in the condition where the cradle device is held in a standing position by means of the rotate and slide cover by engaging the projections of the portable terminal cradle device in the grooves in the upper end of the portable terminal.

6. (currently amended): A combination of a portable terminal and a portable terminal cradle device according to ~~Claim 1-5~~ any one of Claims 1-3 and 5, characterized in that the portable terminal and the portable terminal cradle device are mounted to each other by mutually engaging grooves and projections formed in the portable terminal and the portable terminal cradle device.

7. (currently amended): ~~The portable terminal cradle device according to Claim 4,~~
A portable terminal cradle device comprising a plurality of projections to be fitted on grooves
formed in upper and lower ends of a portable terminal, characterized in that:
the projections of the portable terminal cradle device are engaged in the grooves in the
upper end of the portable terminal;
the other projections of the portable terminal cradle device are engaged in the grooves in
the lower end of the portable terminal and the engagement is held by a rotate and slide
mechanism which is capable of both rotation and sliding; and
the portable terminal cradle device does not project forward beyond a monitor or an
operating face of the portable terminal, whereby the operation of the portable terminal when
mounted to the cradle device is made easy and the portable terminal when mounted to the cradle
device is made usable in the condition hung down from a user neck with the use of a neck hang
strap provided on the portable terminal;
said portable terminal cradle device further comprising a mechanism for locking the
rotate and slide mechanism, wherein lock blocks are slid along an L-shaped folded portion
formed in a slide plate of the rotate and slide mechanism to fix and release an L-shaped folded
portion formed in a hinge .

8. (currently amended): The portable terminal cradle device according to any one
of Claims ~~1-5~~ 1-3, 5, and 7, comprising the projections formed at four corners thereof to be fitted
on two of the grooves formed in the upper end of the portable terminal and two of the grooves
formed in the lower end of the portable terminal.

9. (previously presented): A combination of a portable terminal and a portable terminal cradle device according to Claim 7, characterized in that the portable terminal and the portable terminal cradle device are mounted to each other by mutually engaging grooves and projections formed in the portable terminal and the portable terminal cradle device.

10. (new): A portable terminal cradle device comprising a plurality of projections to be fitted on grooves in upper and lower ends of a portable terminal; characterized in that:

the projections of the portable terminal cradle device are engaged in the grooves in the upper end of the portable terminal; and

the other projections of the portable terminal cradle device are engaged in the grooves in the lower end of the portable terminal and the engagement is held by a rotate and slide mechanism which is capable of both rotation and sliding;

said portable terminal cradle device further comprising a mechanism for locking the rotate and slide mechanism, wherein lock blocks are slid along an L-shaped folded portion formed in a slide plate of the rotate and slide mechanism to fix and release an L-shaped folded portion formed in a hinge.

11. (new): The portable terminal cradle device according to Claim 10, characterized in that:

the projections of the portable terminal cradle device are engaged in the grooves in the upper end of the portable terminal, while, at the same time, the cradle device is electrically

connected to the portable terminal through a connector joint provided for connection to a
connector of the portable terminal.